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NEW PROVINCIAL COURT JUDGE APPOINTED

VICTORIA – Elisabeth Burgess, QC, has been appointed to the bench of the Provincial Court in the Lower Mainland.

She will take her seat effective Sept. 24, 2007.

Burgess is experienced in Aboriginal justice, domestic violence and hate crime. She practised law for 23 years with the Ministry of Attorney General. Burgess served as Crown counsel for 11 years, before becoming director of special justice programs, Aboriginal justice and environmental prosecutions. She moved to director of legal operations and justice programs in 2001 and served as executive director of the criminal reform office between 2004 and 2006.

The process to appoint judges involves several steps. Interested lawyers apply and the B.C. Judicial Council, a committee made up of the chief judge, other judges, lawyers and lay people, then reviews the candidates.

The council recommends potential judges to the Attorney General, with the final appointment made through a cabinet order-in-council. More information about the appointment process can be found at: www.provincialcourt.bc.ca.

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